

**THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION
CIVIL CASE NO. 1:16-cv-00384-MR-DLH**

DON FRANK BROWN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**GEORGIA-PACIFIC LLC f/k/a
Georgia Pacific Corporation,**

Defendant.

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ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Notice of Bankruptcy Filing and Stay of Proceedings filed by the Defendant Georgia-Pacific LLC (now known as Bestwall LLC). [Doc. 18].

The Defendant has filed a notice with the Court indicating that it filed a voluntary bankruptcy petition under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code on November 2, 2017. It is well-settled that “[w]hen litigation is pending against the debtor at the time a bankruptcy case is commenced, the litigation is stayed automatically.” 3 Collier on Bankruptcy ¶ 362.03[3] (16th ed. 2014); see also 11 U.S.C. § 362(a)(1) (providing that a bankruptcy petition operates as an automatic stay of “the commencement or

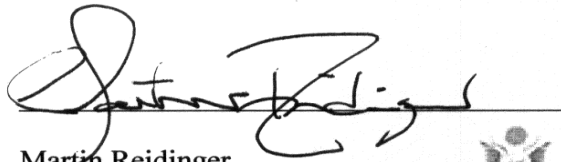
continuation . . . of a judicial, administrative, or other action or proceeding against the debtor"). Accordingly, the Court will consider this action stayed.

Accordingly, **IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that this action is hereby **STAYED** until further Order of the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall file a status report with the Court every ninety (90) days until the bankruptcy proceeding is completed or the automatic stay is lifted, whichever comes first.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: November 14, 2017


Martin Reidinger
United States District Judge

